Amendments to the Claims:

The claims below replace all prior versions and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A secure computer device, comprising:

means for locally-authenticating a user of the device; and

means for providing predefined restricted temporary access to the device if the user is locally authenticated;

means for generating a remote authentication request after a successful local authentication of the user; and

means for removing the restricted temporary access to predefined access areas if remote authentication is successful.

2. (original) The device recited in claim 1 further comprising means for authorizing the user in response to the successful local authentication.

3. (original) The device recited in claim 2 further comprising means for withdrawing the authorization in response to a reply from the server.

4. (original) The device recited in claim 1 further comprising means for updating the local user authenticating means in response to a reply from the server.

5. (original) The device recited in claim 2 further comprising means for updating the local user authenticating means in response to a reply from the server.

6. (original) The device recited in claim 3 further comprising means for updating the local user authenticating means in response to the reply from the server.

7. (currently amended) A computer security method, comprising the steps of:

locally-authenticating a user of a client device; and

providing predefined restricted temporary access to the device if the user

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is locally authenticated;

generating an authentication request to a server after a successful local authentication of the user; and

removing the restricted temporary access if remote authentication is successful.

8. (original) The method recited in claim 7, further comprising the step of authorizing the user in response to a successful local authentication.

9. (original) The method recited in claim 8 further comprising the step of withdrawing the authorization in response to a reply from the server.

10. (original) The method recited in claim 7 further comprising the step of updating user authentication data stored on the client in response to a reply from the server.

11. (original) The method recited in claim 8 further comprising the step of updating user authentication data stored on the client in response to the reply from the server.

12. (original) The method recited in claim 9 further comprising the step of updating user authentication data stored on the client in response to a reply from the server.

13. (currently amended) A computer readable medium, comprising:

logic for locally-authenticating a user of a client device; and

logic configured to provide predefined restricted temporary access to the device if the user is locally authenticated;

logic for generating an authentication request to a server after a successful local authentication; and

logic configured to remove the restricted temporary access to predefined

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<u>access areas if remote authentication is successful</u>.

14. (original) The computer readable medium recited in claim 13, further comprising logic for authorizing the user in response to the successful local authentication.

15. (original) The computer readable medium recited in claim 14, further comprising logic for withdrawing an authorization in response to a reply from the server.

16. (original) The computer readable medium recited in claim 13, further comprising logic for updating user authentication data stored on the client in response to a reply from the server.

17. (original) The computer readable medium recited in claim 14, further comprising logic for updating user authentication data stored on the client in response to a reply from the server.

18. (original) The computer readable medium recited in claim 15, further comprising logic for updating user authentication data stored on the client in response to a reply from the server.

19. (currently amended) A secure computer system, comprising:
    a client having a client database for locally-authenticating a user;
    <u>an authentication device that provides predefined restricted temporary access if the user is locally authenticated</u>;
    a server, in communication with the client, having a server database for remotely-authenticating the user in response to a request from the client after a successful local authentication; ~~and~~
    <u>wherein the authentication device removes the restricted temporary access if remote authentication is successful</u>;
    means for updating the client database according to results of the local

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and remote authentications; and

        means for limiting a number of times that a particular client database and/or record in any, or all, of the client databases will be updated during any period of time and/or total number of updates.

    20. (original) The secure computer system recited in claim 19, further comprising

        means for authorizing a user in response to a successful local authentication; and

        means for withdrawing the authorization in response to an unsuccessful remote authentication.

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